മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഗ്രാൻറില്ലാത്ത സ്കൂളുകളിൽ ഫീസിളവുകൊടുത്താൽ മാനേജർമാർ ഒരുപക്ഷെ അവരുടെ കയ്യിൽനിന്നും നഷ്ടം സഹിക്കേണ്ടിവരുമൊ എന്നു് ഭയന്നിട്ടു കൊടുക്കാതിരുന്നിട്ടില്ലേ ?

റാവുസാഹിബ്ബു് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: പണം കിട്ടുമോ ഇല്ലയോ എന്ന സംശയിക്കേണ്ട ആവശ്യമില്ലെന്നു് മാനേജർമാക്കു് ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും സക്കുലർ അയച്ചുകൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്. ഹർജികളയച്ചവരിൽ അർഹന്മാക്കെല്ലാം കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)* : What are the general reasons for the applications of this sort being rejected.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)* : It is extremely difficult to say what precisely are the criteria on which you judge poverty, distress, etc. In cases of doubt, normaly what I have been doing was if the local Headmaster, on enquiry made through the class teacher, is satisfied that the child's parent has been severely affected by the cyclone and that his earning capacity or paying capacity has been vitally diminished, he is granted the remission. There have been instances where it was reported to me that such concessions were really abused. I made further enquiries and in 2 cases I had to cancel the concessions. In all the other cases over 30 to 40 I found that the charges were groundless.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ൩൭ അപേക്ഷകൾ അയച്ചതിൻെറ കൂട്ടത്തിൽ ഈ വ്വ അപേക്ഷകളുംകൂടി അയക്കാത്തതിൻെറ കാരണമെന്താണു് ?

റാവുസാഹിബ്ബു് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: അതിൻെറ കാരണത്തെപ്പറ്റി ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെമ്പർതന്നെ ഏതാണ്ടിവിടെ പറയുകയുണ്ടായി. എയിഡ്ഡു് ഇല്ലാത്ത സ്കൂളുകളിൽ ഫീസിളവുചെയ്തുകൊടുത്താൽ അതു മുഴുവൻ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു് സഹിക്കുന്നതാണെന്നു് മാനേജർമാരെ അറിയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: ഉത്തരം ജി. യിൽ ഉവ്വു്. അന്വേഷണം നടത്തി എന്നു പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നു. ആരാണു് അന്വേഷണം നടത്തിയതു് ?

റാവുസാഹിബ്ബു് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: ഡിദ്യാഭ്യാസ മേലദ്ധ്യക്ഷന്നു് ഈ എല്ലാ വിഷയങ്ങളും നേരിട്ടു് അന്വേഷിക്കുവാൻ പ്രയാസമാണു്. ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ മുഖാന്തരവും, ഹെഡ്മാസ്റ്റർമാർ മുഖാന്തരവും ചിലകേസുകളും ഞാൻ നേരിട്ടും അന്വേഷിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ൩൭ ആളുകൾക്കു കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതിൽ വലിയ പണക്കാരുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അവരെക്കൊണ്ടു റീഫണ്ടു ചെയ്യിക്കാമൊ ?

റാവുസാഹിബ്ബു് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: ധനവാന്മാരാരെന്നു ബോദ്ധ്യപ്പെടുന്നപക്ഷം അവരെക്കൊണ്ടു മുഴുവനും റീഫണ്ടു ചെയ്യിക്കുവാൻ തയ്യാറാണു്.

"OTHER X'IANS"—PERCENTAGE OF—P. W. D.

377. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)* : Will Government be pleased to state whether the percentage of "Other Christians" in the Chief Engineer's Department is lower than the ratio fixed for guidance of the Staff Selection Board ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)* : Yes.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)* : May I know, Sir, what is the strength of the staff in the P. W. D. Office ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)* : I want notice. But I may say that during the quarter referred to in this question, the Chief Engineer and Divisional Officers together have appointed about 265 persons. Of these according to the rules of the Staff Selection Board, they ought to have appointed 15 people from other Christians. But they have appointed 13. That is, the percentage allowed by the rules of the Staff Selection Board is 6, and we have appointed 5.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)* : May I know, Sir, whether apart from that part of the question which has been answered, there was some other part which has not been answered. I do not know exactly what is the other question that I have sent.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : Then send it over again.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)* : I think they have been separated and answered.

ROAD BOARD PROGRAMME—ROADS NOT COMPLETED—PARTICULARS REGARDING

378. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)* : Will Government be pleased to state the names of roads included in the last Road Board programme which are not yet completed and how far those works have progressed so far ?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)* : A statement giving the names and the present progress of the road works in the last programme which have not been completed is appended. *(Vide Appendix V)*.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)* : Sir, all these works mentioned in Appendix V were included in the programme submitted to Government and sanctioned by them some 5 years back. May I know the reason for the delay in the matter of land acquisition in the case of some of these roads ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)* : There has been delay in land acquisition for the first 4 roads. But in the programme these works have been included for the last year of the 5 year programme and that is one of the reasons for the delay.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)* : May I know the amount you sanctioned for the road given as item 9 ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)* : I think Rs. 4,000.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : With reference to item No. 4, road from Peppathipara to Thirumarayur, may I know what exactly was the reason for delay ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)* : The land acquisition is being completed.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)* : What is the amount spent for land acquisition in the case of the road mentioned as item 9.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)* : About Rs. 4,000.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)* : Therefore, the whole amount was spent on land acquisition ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)* : I think so.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri)* : Has not the work of opening a road from Thanikudam to Machad been sanctioned ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)* : Yes, it was sanctioned; but later on it was thought that when the proposed Thanikudam reservoir is constructed, the alignment of the road would be flooded by the waters of the reservoir and so the question of opening that road was postponed.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri)* : So, that scheme has been dropped subsequently ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)* : It has not been dropped exactly.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : കാക്കത്തുരുത്തി—കാട്ടർ റോഡിന്റെ അകപ്പിസിഷൻ ഇതുവരെ കഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടില്ലേ ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)* : It is in progress. It has not been completed.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram)* : What about Nos. 12 and 13 ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)* : I think the acquisition proceedings are in progress.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: കാട്ടർ—കാക്കത്തുരുത്തി, വള്ളിവട്ടം—അതിപ്പാലം ഇവയിൽ ഏതെങ്കിലും ഒരു റോഡിന്റെ അകപ്പിസിഷൻ ഇതുവരെ ചെയ്യുവാൻ സാധിക്കാത്തതിന്റെ കാരണമെന്താണ് ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)* : The work of acquisition for these roads was actively taken up only during the last year of the programme in 1116.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : അപ്പോൾ അകപ്പിസിഷൻ ജോലി ഫ ഫ ഫ ന അവസാനത്തിൽ കഴിയേണ്ടതല്ലേ ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)* : Yes. But then, as you all know, when you start the alignment of the road, there will be many complaints from people and those complaints have to be satisfied and that alignment has to be shifted, I think, 6 or 7 times. That is one of the main reasons for the delay in the acquisition.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: പുതിയ റോഡുബോർഡ് പ്രോഗ്രാം ഫ ഫ ഫ ൽ വരുത്തേണ്ടതല്ലേ ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)* : Yes.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : പ്രോഗ്രാം എത്രത്തോളമായിട്ടുണ്ട് ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)* : The meetings of the Road Board are being held.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : ഇതുവരെ പ്രോഗ്രാം തയ്യാറായി കഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടില്ലേ ?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: No. For the works to be done in 1117, they have approved a provisional programme for the strengthening and widening of culverts.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur)*: With reference to item No. 5—Vypeen-Pallippuram Road—will the Hon'ble member be pleased to inform the House what the provocation was to divert this Rs. 30,000 meant for this road for the Thanikudam-Machad Road ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: There was no question about the importance of the Vypeen-Pallippuram Road and when we knew that the money that was set apart for the construction of the Machad road could not be spent, they transferred the amount for the construction of the Vypeen-Pallippuram road.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur)*: I thought that the amount that was set apart for the Pallippuram road was diverted for the Thanikudam—Machad road.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: It is just the reverse.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: We were told that a provision of Rs. 30,000 for the construction of the Vypeen—Pallippuram road was made and that the proposal was dropped. May I know who dropped the proposal ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Government considered this question of constructing the Vypeen—Pallippuram road and when they found that the cost of constructing the entire road would be about 3 lakhs of rupees and when they also knew that there was no prospect of allotting adequate funds in future years for constructing this road, they thought it would not be to our interests to spend only Rs. 30,000 on that road.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: Did they refer the matter back to the Road Board ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: I think they did.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: So, was it dropped at the instance of the Road Board ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: No.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: Then who dropped it.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Government.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: So, Government dropped the matter over the head of the Road Board ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Certainly, they can do that.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri)*: Has the Government dropped the question of opening the road to Machad ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: At present, yes.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri)*: Has it not been sanctioned by the Road Board ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Yes. But the Road Board itself dropped that question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur)*: May I know whether the idea of the Pallippuram road did start from the Road Board or not ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: No, it did not start from the Road Board.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri)*: Does the Government think that the road to Machad is absolutely necessary ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: The road is necessary and it is an important line of communication. But the alignment proposed at that time was found unsuitable on account of the prospect of a reservoir being constructed in that area. So, either we will have to align the road in such a manner that even if a reservoir comes there at a future date, the road will not be flooded.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri)*: I think it was answered on the floor of this House with reference to another question that the Trichur Municipality is not prepared to take up the question of opening a reservoir and that it has been dropped ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: The question regarding the construction of large reservoirs cannot be easily dropped. A good site like that is hard to find and probably it may have been postponed.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri)*: Do the Government contemplate any other alignment for the opening of this road especially since the Hon'ble Engineering member is of the opinion that this road is an absolute necessity.

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: I shall place this question before the Road Board?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know, Sir, how many years is it since the question of Vypeen-Pallippuram road was mooted?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Many years. I want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know why this Rs. 30,000 transferred from the Thanikudam-Machad road could not be spent to construct at least some portion of the Pallippuram road?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: The area in that region is heavily planted with cocoanut trees, and the cost of acquisition is very high. We prepared an estimate for Rs. 30,000 irrespective of what the length would be and we found we could do only about 2 or 3 furlongs. After all, to construct 2 or 3 furlongs after spending Rs. 30,000 was found to be not commensurate with the expenditure.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Did not Government collect all this information before they actually estimated for the road?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: When the Road Board transferred the allotment of Rs. 30,000 fixed for the Machad road to the Vypeen—Pallippuram road, they were not in possession of all these details.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: When the budget was framed in pursuance of the Road Board suggestion, I think a lump sum provision of 5 lakhs was given to the Road Board?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: I want notice. The estimate for 3 lakhs was prepared, when the question of utilising Rs. 30,000 on that road was considered.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: So, you say before the question of the road was mooted no estimate was made as to what its cost would be.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: The Road Board had realised that the cost of completing the Vypeen—Pallippuram road would entail a fairly large expenditure, but the actual estimate of the cost of construction was not looked into at that time.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: Was not there a proposal before the Road Board to take up the Pallippuram road and to spread over the expenditure over a period of a few years?

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: I think Rs. 50,000 was sanctioned in the last meeting.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi)*: With reference to items 9 and 10 it is stated here that the allotment provided in the programme was intended to be spent towards acquisition charges. What about the expenditure towards the cost of laying the road?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: That will be taken up in the next Road Board programme.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi)*: When were the acquisitions over in these two cases?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Some time, late in 1116 or early in 1117.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: What is the Government going to do with the Rs. 30,000 transferred from Thanikudam—Machad Road and Rs. 20,000 recently sanctioned for the Vypeen-Pallippuram road by the Road Board?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Government orders have not been received. The Road Board programme requires Government sanction. Before that sanction is received, it is not possible to expend those amounts.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: താന്നിക്കുടം മച്ചാട് റോഡിനുള്ള നം,൦൦൦ ഉറുപ്പിക വൈപ്പിൻ പള്ളിപ്പുറം റോഡിനു നീക്കിവെച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. That was the only work in Trichur Ta'uk. That also must be borne in mind. എന്നാൽ ആ സംഖ്യ മതിയാകയില്ലെന്ന കാരണം പറഞ്ഞു ഒഴിഞ്ഞിനൽ വക്കിനായി വിനിയോഗിക്കുമെന്നു് ഈ നിയമസഭയിൽവെച്ചു തന്നെ ഗവൺമെന്റു് പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ: ഓമ്മയില്ല. There are several other road works.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഇനിയത്തെ കൊല്ലത്തിലെങ്കിലും ആ പണം ചിലവുചെയ്യാമോ?

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മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ: അതു് റോഡുബോർഡിൽനിന്ന തീച്ചയാക്കേണ്ട കാര്യമാണു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: പുതിയ റോഡുബോർഡിൽ തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂരനിന്ന എത്രപേരുണ്ടു്; ആദ്യത്തെ റോഡുബോർഡിൽ എത്രപേരുണ്ടായിരുന്ന.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: I want notice.

മിസ്റ്റർ ഡി. ആർ. ഇയ്യണ്ണി: നമ്പൂ ന, ഒ, വ, ൻ, ഫ ഠ ഇതെല്ലാം നെല്ലായി മെമ്പരുടെ കോൺസ്റ്റിറ്റുവെൻസിയിൽപെട്ടതല്ലേ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: I must refresh my memory about the jurisdiction of the Nellayi member.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യണ്ണി: ന-ം, ഒ-ം, വ-ം ൻ-ം അതിൽപെട്ടതല്ലേ;

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ: അങ്ങിനെനോക്കി റോഡുണ്ടാക്കാറില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ആകെയുള്ള ഇ ലക്ഷം ഉറുപ്പികയിൽ നെല്ലായി കോൺസ്റ്റിറ്റുവെൻസിയിൽ എത്ര ഉറുപ്പിക റോഡുബോർഡിൽനിന്നും ചിലവുചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: I want notice.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Sir, the complaint is that one constituency alone is benefitted.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram)*: Because he was vigilant.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Sir, Item No. 8, extending Kodakara-Velikulangara road, this work was pending for a long time now. When does the Government expect to complete this work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief-Engineer)*: The work is almost completed now.

PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE—PARTICULARS OF APPOINTMENT

379. Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what are the duties of the Personal Assistant to the Commissioner of Police;

(*b*) what is the salary and allowance, if any, paid to the present incumbent to that post;

(*c*) are there in the Police Department persons senior to him in service;

(*d*) if so, what are the reasons for preferring him to the place for which he has been promoted?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police)*: (*a*) Please see Judicial Department Notification No. 76, published in Gazette, dated 17th Kumbham 1117 (28th February 1942).

(*b*) Rs. 175 per mensem.

(*c*) & (*d*) Yes. There is only one officer senior to him *i.e.*, Mr. A. V. Krishna Ayyar, the permanent manager of the Police Head Office. As he was and is still on other duty as Sub-Magistrate and as Mr. Sreenivasa Ayyar has experience both as Prosecuting Inspector and a field officer in charge of a station, he was selected.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Sir, Now that a new Deputy Commissioner of Police has been appointed, does the Government intend to continue the office of the Assistant to the Police Commissioner?

Mr. President: The question is being considered.

FEES FROM WELL-TO-DO PATIENTS—AMOUNT COLLECTED

380. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the amount collected for the first half of the year 1117 as fees from well-to-do patients according to the rules prescribed in the General Hospital, Ernakulam, in the Hospital at Palluruthi and in the Civil Hospital;

(*b*) the number of patients who ought to have been charged but who could not be charged because of the exemption clause and what would be the amount if fees were collected?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*:

(*a*) General Hospital, Ernakulam .. Rs. 360—14—0
Maharaja's Hospital, Palluruthy .. Rs. 129— 0—0
Civil Hospital, Trichur .. Rs. 114— 8—0

(*b*) One. A sum of Rs. 75 more could have been collected in the General Hospital if there had been no exemption.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know, Sir, what is this exemption clause? Is it only applicable to the members of the Ruling Family?

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